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**LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS MAN CONVICTED OF MAKING  
FALSE STATEMENTS TO U.S. GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH  
FRAUDULENT USE OF NASHUA POST OFFICE BOX**

**Re: United States v. Danda ERIYO**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Inspector in Charge of the United States Postal Inspection Service Kenneth R. Jones announced that Danda ERIYO, age 39, of Lynn, Massachusetts, was convicted today of making false statements to the U.S. government in connection with his fraudulent use of a Nashua post office box.

ERIYO was convicted after a bench (non-jury) trial before U.S. District Court Chief Judge Paul J. Barbadoro of knowingly and willfully making a false writing containing a materially false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry. ERIYO signed a United States Postal Service Form 3849 with a false name in connection with his fraudulent use of a post office box at the Nashua, N.H. Post Office. ERIYO used the post office box to apply for credit cards under a false identity. ERIYO also used the post office box to facilitate the accrual of over \$20,000 in unpaid credit card charges between 1994 and 1998.

Chief Judge Barbadoro released ERIYO under behavioral conditions to be monitored by the U.S. Dept. of Probation pending his sentencing hearing scheduled for July 22, 2004. ERIYO faces a potential maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a \$500,000 fine.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "Identity fraud is a nationwide problem. My office is committed to aggressively prosecuting those who engage in all forms of identity fraud, including schemes which involve the fraudulent use of the facilities of the U.S. Postal Service."

The conviction resulted from an investigation by the Criminal Investigation Division of the U.S. Postal Service. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.